

# UNISON

## the union for nursing associates

**As a nursing associate you have taken on the newest role in the NHS and are key to delivering quality care for patients in a changing health service.**

UNISON was involved in the development of the nursing associate role because we recognise how important it is and we wanted to make sure that it works, not only for patients, but for staff too.

That's because we care about the NHS and the people who work there. People like you who are taking on this new role because you want to care for patients and their families.

It's a big job with lots of responsibility – and as the largest union in the NHS we understand the pressures staff face every day at work.



## Why join UNISON?

UNISON offers essential cover for every member, wherever they work and whatever their job. When you join us you get:

- advice, support and help when you need it at work
- a helpline that is open until midnight during the week and open at weekends too
- legal help for you at work and your family at home
- financial assistance and debt advice in times of need
- compensation for accidents and injuries at work
- exclusive member discounts that can save you and your family money .

We represent the whole team of staff across the health service. We negotiate pay in the NHS, we ensure that workplaces are as healthy and safe as possible and we have a huge team of local workplace representatives who are there for you.

We are also here to help should you ever have an issue with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) over your professional regulation.

We also care about the NHS and are proud to campaign for a publicly run, properly funded NHS where staff have the training and resources they need to provide the best patient care they can. We give our members a voice that helps to shape the future of their workplaces, their careers and the NHS. Join us and add your voice - together we are stronger.

Join today at **[joinunison.org](http://joinunison.org)** or call **0800 171 2193** or ask your **UNISON rep** for an application form.